IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5, and add new claims 8-10 as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

an upper plate;

a lower plate;

a sealant formed along edges of the upper and lower plates to join the upper plate with the lower plate;

a protrusion formed to separate the sealant from a picture displaying area at an inner portion of the upper and lower plates; and

a liquid crystal ~~injected into~~ disposed between the upper and lower plates such that the protrusion completely contains the liquid crystal material in the picture displaying area.

Claim 2 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the sealant is formed on one of the upper and lower plates and the protrusion is formed on the other one of the upper and lower plates.

Claim 3 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the sealant and the protrusion are formed on one of the upper and lower plates.

Claim 4 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal is injected using a liquid crystal dispensing method.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising the steps of:

providing an upper plate and a lower plate;

forming a protrusion between a sealing area provided with a sealant and a picture display area on one of the upper and lower plates;

forming the sealant on one of the upper and lower plates;

~~forming a liquid crystal layer on one of the upper and lower plates~~ evenly dispensing liquid crystal onto the picture display area using a liquid crystal dispensing method; and

joining the upper plate with the lower plate.

Claim 6 (Original): The method according to claim 5, wherein the sealant is formed on one of the upper and lower plates and the protrusion is formed on the other one of the upper and lower plates.

Claim 7 (Original): The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the sealant and the protrusion are formed on the same one of the upper and lower plates.

Claim 8 (New): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the protrusion is formed from any one of metal, indium-tin-oxide (ITO) and organic insulating film.

Claim 9 (New): The method according to claim 5, wherein the protrusion is formed from any one of metal, indium-tin-oxide (ITO) and organic insulating film.

Claim 10 (New): The method according to claim 5, wherein the liquid crystal remains completely contained in the picture display area during the step of joining the upper plate with the lower plate.